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## Two years to paint a ceiling

The famous painted Hall at Greenwich Hospital is to have its huge ceiling cleaned and restored.

This great room used to be the dining-hall of the naval pensioners for whom the hospital was built by William III. They occupied it from 1795 until 1869. It is now part of the Royal Naval College.

## End of the Bluebell Line

Many Sussex people will be saddened by the passing of the old "Bluebell and Primrose Line." This little railway between Lewes and East Grinstead has long ceased to pay its way and it is to be closed on March 17.

It was a line which had its own special attractions. In springtime, when the embankments were gay with wild flowers, nightingales could often be heard singing in thickets beside the track. In the hot days of high summer it was not rare to see adders sunbathing a few yards away. And fox cubs from an earth close to this single-track line have been seen romping amid the gorse.

For former passengers all these delights of a journey on the Primrose Line will soon be but a memory. But the foxes and adders, the squirrels and nightingales who live beside the track may not share their regrets. For them the closing of the line will mean more peace and privacy.

## GREEN FOR DANGER

While a motorist was pulled up at a cross-roads, near Salzburg, Austria, to let a circus go by, he suddenly saw the roof of his car caving in. An elephant was trying to sit on it.

A trainer coaxed the elephant off, and then explained that it had been taught to sit on a stool which was exactly the same shade of green as the car.

He then gave the driver a certificate for his insurance company, explaining how the car was damaged.

The driver, rather shaken by the incident, drove on into Salzburg, where he accidentally passed a traffic light at red. When a policeman stopped him and he explained that an elephant had been sitting on his car, he was charged with being drunk while driving.

It was only later, when he produced the certificate from the trainer, that the police discharged him, with a caution.

The ceiling measures 105 feet by 46 feet, and the work of preserving it will take about two years. It will be necessary to remove the varnish, which has become discoloured, as well as the accumulated grime of years which has changed colours so that green leaves have become brown, and pale blue has turned green.

The ceiling was painted by Sir James Thornhill in about six years during the early part of the 18th century. Its central figures are William and Mary, who are shown enthroned under a canopy and attended by Four Virtues. The king has his feet on Tyranny, and is offering the Cap of Liberty to Europe. Among the other pictures are those of great astronomers from Greenwich Observatory, and in the angles of the ceiling are the four elements, Earth, Air, Fire, and Water, represented by their ancient gods.

For this vast work Sir James Thornhill was paid at the rate of £3 a square yard, though he did not get all his money until 1730, four years after he had finished it.

## Feeding their pets

Jill and Jenifer Pow who live on a farm near Pensford, Somerset, each has a pet lamb. In addition to being fed, as seen here, the lambs are also taken for walks on leads, just like dogs.



## WILLOUGHBY IS KEEPING ROLF HARRIS BUSY

But Shyanne has gone to a finishing school

*Puppets and cartoon characters are many and varied on the television screen today, and Rolf Harris is responsible for some of the most unusual and endearing ones. This artist is a favourite with juniors on all TV networks.*

*For the BBC he created Willoughby and Shyanne. For the ITV stations he provided Oliver Polyp and Perro Caliente. Willoughby has now begun a new series on BBC television—and is making his creator work very hard to keep pace with his antics.*

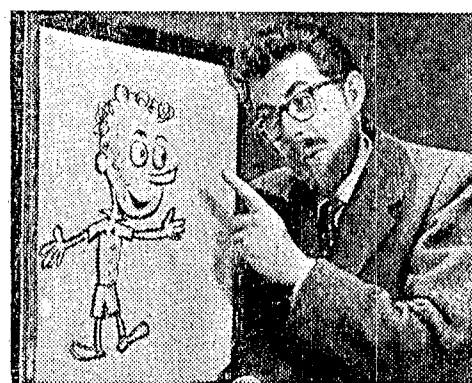
MISSING from the new series, however, is that other amusing Harris creation, Shyanne, the little girl.

With a dead straight face, but with a twinkle in his eye (writes a CN correspondent), Rolf Harris told me that "Shyanne has gone to a finishing school in Switzerland. She doesn't like it very much."

The bearded Australian artist talks about his characters with great gravity. They have, in truth, become very real to him.

"I think the appeal of Willoughby is that he is essentially a television character," he said. "I draw him and you see him come to life. And by his voice he also alters the adventures as we go along. He sort of takes control of things, which makes for great fun. That is why I am so much indebted to Peter Hawkins, who is the voice of my puppets and characters."

"Peter is quick with remarks to cover me while I am drawing Willoughby. 'What's that?' he'll



Rolf Harris has a warning for Willoughby

ask. 'A hand, I'll say. 'Looks more like a bunch of bananas,' Peter will chip in.

"In the new series we are resting Shyanne. Main reason is that drawing two big sketches in front of the cameras does tend to slow things up a bit. But I'm introducing a new small character, a little dog. We'll see how he gets on."

Rolf Harris began his career as

a TV artist four years ago. A young schoolmaster in Perth, Western Australia, he saved up his money to come to London to study painting, and after a year or so found it necessary to earn more. Australia was too far away to go home for it, so Rolf thought of TV and arranged to see Michael Westmore, then producing BBC

Children's TV programmes.

"I had an idea for a hand puppet, an octopus, but Michael didn't want anything of that sort then, but he set me to work on stories for Fuzz, the puppet in Jig Saw," Rolf told me.

"Then the other Saturday programme Whirligig wanted an idea, and I thought up Willoughby for them. Before this new series began we had done 45 Willoughby programmes."

When the ITV network came along, Rolf Harris again met Michael Westmore, who had transferred to the commercial programme, and this time he did manage to "sell" his octopus puppet. The idea for this, incidentally, had begun when Rolf was trying to teach his nephews in London some natural history. Named Oliver Polyp, the octopus character was joined by Perro Caliente, the Spanish hot dogfish. Between them all they keep Rolf Harris pretty busy, but he tries to find time to do the thing for which he came to this country—serious painting.

## FAN MAIL PAINTINGS

He had one of his portraits in oils accepted by the Royal Academy last year, a picture of TV producer Richard Jenkins, painted in spare moments in the studios.

Rolf and his characters receive a great deal of fan mail, including many paintings and drawings which are sent in by the younger generation.

"The motto of many of our fans is 'don't write it, draw it,'" says Rolf. "I am terribly impressed by the quality of these drawings. Coming from youngsters all over the country, they show a high standard and are imaginative. It seems to me that children don't just sit and gape at the TV screen. They are inspired by it to try something for themselves."



# BRITAIN'S MINISTER OF HEALTH

*Good health is our most precious possession, and it is comforting to feel that there is always "someone at the top" to watch over it—on a national basis. But, asks the C N Parliamentary Correspondent, do you know anything about the "nation's doctor," the Minister of Health?*

MR. DEREK WALKER-SMITH, of all Ministers, is particularly well known for carrying himself with an air of perpetual youth.

He is now 47, a Queen's Counsel, author of several books, and a Conservative M.P. of many years standing. But he retains his youthfulness and a sympathetic attitude towards the young of today, their problems, aims, and hopes.

One would never think Mr. Walker-Smith had ever been a rebellious boy, but he was. A book he wrote at 19 was hailed as "the truth at last about the public schools"! Apparently it was a dreadful indictment! However, the public schools are still with us and, happily, so is the Minister of Health.

He went to Rossall, famous then as now for its training of character. Then to Christ Church, Oxford, eventually to become a history scholar, President of the Union, one of the "outstanding undergraduates of his generation," a master of epigram, a barrister of Middle Temple (in 1934), and the political correspondent of a Sunday newspaper.

Early in 1939 he foresaw that Sir Winston (then Mr.) Churchill could not long be kept out of the Government.

Meanwhile, he trained as an "amateur" officer with the Inns of Court O.T.C., and learned to ride at Wellington Barracks. He grew



one of the first "handlebar" moustaches, which was affectionately called "Rover." For many years now he has been clean-shaven. "Rover" did not survive the war.

His father, Sir Jonah, was M.P. for Barrow from 1931 to 1945. In this last year, the war over, the son continued the tradition. There has thus been a Walker-Smith in the Commons for nearly 27 years.

Health, housing, and local government became his specialties. He made himself a master of these subjects. A wit once said he was the only man in England who understood the massive Town and Country Planning Act of 1947. There had been another, but he suffered a nervous breakdown!

There is a good deal of truth in

this, as anyone can confirm who reads the Act. Mr. Walker-Smith was so well versed in it that he produced "100 Questions and Answers" on the Act which became almost better known than the Act itself.

Writing was his second love, next to the law. In 1935 he had two books published in one week—a play about Mary Tudor and a legal book on family problems. Like Sir Winston Churchill, he also wrote one novel.

## LIVES OF GREAT MEN

But his favourite was biography. He wrote the lives of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister at the outbreak of the last world war, and of famous men of law such as Lord Darling, Lord Reading, and the great advocate, Sir Edward Marshall Hall.

In Parliament he began to flower in 1951, when he was elected chairman of the Conservative 1922 Committee of back-bench M.P.s, a position in which he had such famous predecessors as Mr. W. S. Morrison, the present Speaker, and Sir Patrick Spens, who became Lord Chief Justice in India.

The duty of the chairman and his officers is to keep Ministers informed of sentiment in the party on issues of the day. In his time Sir Winston Churchill was Premier, and Mr. Walker-Smith had many a momentous interview with him.

It is said that his pre-war training by the corporal-major of the Life Guards served him well on such occasions. However that may be, Mr. Walker-Smith has a natural toughness and tact, and a nimble mind, and he ended his term of office in 1955—the year in which he became a Q.C. and a junior Minister—with his reputation enhanced.

## LENTILS IN BRIEF CASE

His first post in the Government was as Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade. One of the "secrets" in his brief case was a packet of lentils. These were placed there every day throughout the winter by his youngest daughter, Berenice Mary, a warm supporter of an appeal to feed birds during the cold spell.

Mr. Walker-Smith dutifully sprinkled his window-ledge at the Board of Trade with lentils before embarking on the day's work.

In November 1956 Sir Edward Boyle resigned his post as Economic Secretary to the Treasury because of a disagreement with the Government over the Suez campaign. His place was taken by Mr. Walker-Smith, but for less than a year.

Some months ago Mr. Dennis Vosper had to resign his post as Health Minister after a serious operation, and Mr. Walker-Smith achieved his first senior post in the Government.

## JUST AN IDEA

I NEVER did anything worth doing by accident, nor did any of my inventions come by accident; they came by work.

Thomas A. Edison

## News from Everywhere

A hostel for hikers and climbers is to be built at Crowden Longden-dale, Derbyshire, near the Pennine Way.

A 1000-year-old Greek font has been placed outside Sandringham Church, Norfolk. It came from the island of Rhodes and was presented to Edward VII when he was Prince of Wales.

The first private car made in Holland since 1902, the DAF, is a five-seater which does about 50 miles to the gallon, and has a maximum speed of 55 m.p.h. It costs about £400.

## NOTHING IN IT!

An 80-year-old Australian pilot who began flying when he was 74 recently flew alone over Sydney. When his instructors congratulated him he replied: "Think nothing of it."

The number of British motor vehicles exported in January was 59,421, beating the previous record by nearly 6000.

## Horse over Berlin



This horse, part of the team of a four-horse chariot or quadriga, is ready for hoisting to the top of the famous Brandenburg Gate, boundary between East and West Berlin. Damaged during the war, the gate is now being restored.

A new Swedish opera is based on the story of a space ship and its passengers. It is to have its premiere next autumn at the Stockholm Royal Opera House.

Fossil teeth found by a 14-year-old boy on the beach at Hopton, Suffolk, proved to have belonged to a gyrodus, a fish that lived 120 million years ago.

## FRONTIER TABLE

A public library standing on the frontier of the U.S. and Canada has the boundary line marked on its table. Part of the library is in Rock Island, Quebec, and the other part in Derby Line, Vermont.

Holiday-makers on Sydney's beaches recently suffered from an invasion of stinging bluebottles. Over 2000 bathers were treated for stings in one day.

For the second successive year the population of the United States has increased by three million. It is now estimated at nearly 173 million.

Aeroplanes carrying relay equipment are being used for long-distance TV programmes in Russia to save the expense of laying land-lines.

Latest available figures show that Americans eat nearly three times as much fresh fruit as people in Britain.

A weasel has been feeding at a bird table at Lealholm (North Riding), ignoring the birds and being ignored by them in turn.

## ACCORDION DAY

There will be over 440 competitors at Accordion Day, the annual festival of the National Accordion Organisation, which is to be held on March 8 in the Central Hall, Westminster. Freddy Grisewood will be the compère, and a special afternoon concert is to be relayed by the BBC Light Programme.

## Out and About THEY SAY . . .

WHERE the big town sprawls into the country and touches one edge of the forest the bats have been seen flying after insects. These little hunters are our smallest kind of bat, the pipistrelle.

They have been out hunting several times during mild spells of the winter, and then have tried to hibernate again. But it is unlikely that the weather will be cold enough again for this until next winter.

The Great Bat, or Noctule, which is harder to rouse from his winter sleep, has also been seen in the neighbourhood at dusk. A few evenings ago two specimens were circling for a long time above the wooded area, higher than pipistrelles usually go, and with less zig-zag movement.

Some of the pipistrelles sleep in the old church tower half a mile away, but the noctules probably find enough holes in the larger forest trees. It must be a help to them that woodpeckers here have made nesting holes in previous years.

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I HOPE the Russian and British people jointly realise H. G. Wells's dream of having the first men on the Moon.

Professor Vladimir Glushkov, at Durham University

TO survive as an important and prosperous nation we must now appreciate that education has to be given the priority afforded to the armed forces during a war.

Mr. Fred Williamson, Headmaster of Leamington College for Boys

I AM sure that only by the example of their parents can children learn the lesson of religion, of truth, and of service. The old saw that "as the twig bends so the tree grows" is as true as ever it was.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

YOUNG people today are of sound promising material, despite rock 'n' roll. I would risk the guess that the bulk of our young people are of higher potential quality than were many previous generations.

Dr. John Highet, lecturer at Glasgow University

## Church of London Stone

London City is to lose one of its ancient churches. The bombed remains of St. Swithin's, near Cannon Street Station, have become unsafe and are to be demolished. The site is to be sold.

This was one of Wren's churches, built in 1678 to replace 13th-century St. Swithin's which was burnt in the Great Fire.

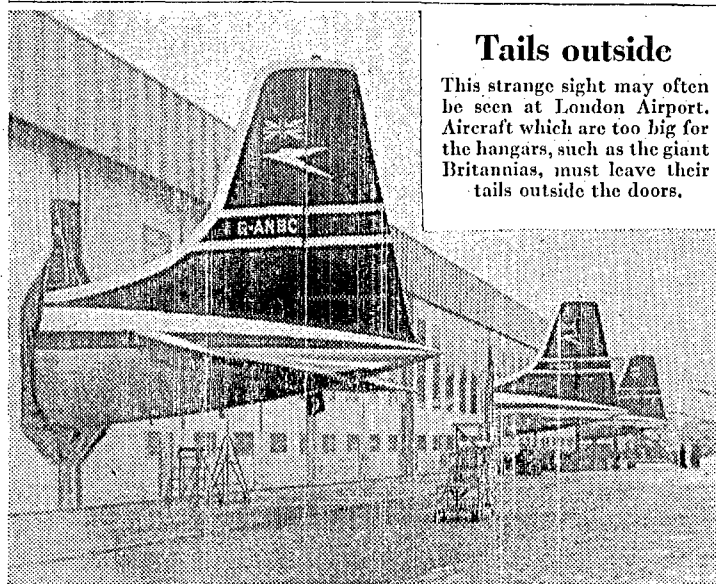
A new home will be found for ancient London Stone, which has been embedded behind an iron grille in an outer wall of St.

Swithin's since 1798. Before then it stood on the opposite side of Cannon Street.

Some historians think it was once the stone in the Forum, or market-place of Roman London, from which distances along the military roads were measured. Whatever its origin, it was evidently regarded with veneration by the citizens of London, for Shakespeare, in his Henry the Sixth, makes Jack Cade the rebel strike it with his sword to signify his conquest of the City.

## Tails outside

This strange sight may often be seen at London Airport. Aircraft which are too big for the hangars, such as the giant Britannias, must leave their tails outside the doors.





The clocks above show time all over the world. Sunlight moves westward round the Earth, travelling 15 degrees an hour. This means that every 15 degrees east of Greenwich the clock is one hour ahead, and every 15 degrees west is one hour behind.

## CN Picture-News and Time Map

**A CANAL 76 miles long** is being cut between New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico. At present the Mississippi is the shipping route to this Louisiana city, but the new waterway will be 40 miles shorter.

**FOUR POWER STATIONS** are to be built along the River Pasvik under a joint Norwegian-Russian scheme. The river runs along the Norway-Russia border, and three of the stations will be built by the Russians, the other by Norwegians.

**MINERAL RESEARCH** in the Sahara has led to the finding of good deposits of platinum in the Hoggar region. Diamonds, nickel, asbestos, and copper have also been found recently by prospectors in this great desert.

**A NEW PORT** is to be built on a mangrove swamp to relieve congestion at nearby Port Swettenham, in the Selangor State of Malaya. Three wharves, each 580 feet long, will be built on piles in the sea.

**A NEW SCALLOP** fishing ground may soon be established at Shark Bay, Western Australia. A Fisheries Department survey vessel has found a rich scallop field here.

**GEOLOGICAL MAP-ING** of what is probably the world's biggest coal basin, in the Yakut region of Siberia, will soon be completed. The basin occupies hundreds of thousands of square miles and stretches the length of the 2650-mile River Lena. Coal deposits are known to be at least five billion tons.

**BOLIVIA** is now linked to the Atlantic by rail. A new 330-mile line runs from Santa Cruz to Yacuiba, where it meets an Argentine line to the ocean. Running through thick jungle much of the way, the Bolivian railway took 13 years to complete.

### AIRCRAFT-SPOTTING CONTEST

The sixth annual R.A.F. Aircraft Recognition Competition is to be held on March 15, and Fighter Command will be out to complete its "hat-trick" this year.

Fighter Command won in 1956 with a team from Chivenor, Devon, and last year with a team from Church Fenton, Yorkshire.

Some 150 competitors in teams of three, from Bomber, Flying Training, Maintenance, and Transport Commands, and from the Royal Observer Corps, will take part at the Science Museum, South Kensington.

Competitors will see 50 photographs of aircraft projected onto a screen, the first ten for one second and the rest for half a second each. In the event of a tie a further ten photographs are shown for one-fifth of a second each.

### Shelter on the mountains

A shelter to protect climbers caught in sudden storms on the slopes of Ben Nevis is shortly to be built by members of the Scottish Junior Mountaineering Club. Another shelter is to be built on the neighbouring Carn Dearg.

Made of steel, the shelters will be four feet high and eight feet square, and will cost about £75 each. They are made in small sections so as to be easy to carry up.

### FORCED LANDING

A wild goose, found with a broken wing on the beach at Hunstanton, Norfolk, is being cared for by Mrs. W. Clark of King's Lynn and has become quite tame. Rings on its legs show that it has been captured at least twice during its lifetime—in Lincolnshire in 1950, and again in Iceland three years later.

### JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

Scout radio enthusiasts are to hold an international "Jamboree-on-the-Air" on May 10 and 11. Radio amateurs throughout the world who are interested in the Scout movement are invited to make contact with one another on these days. The idea came from the success of the short-wave radio station which made contact with over 80 countries during last year's Jubilee Jamboree.

In May a special station is to be operated by radio amateurs at Gilwell Park, the International Scouters Training Centre, and it is hoped that many radio stations will be set up at Scout headquarters and camp sites everywhere, to be operated with the help of local amateur radio societies and clubs.

Of course, radio licence regulations must be strictly observed.

### Water-jet boat

Rapids have no terrors for Mr. Bill Hamilton, a New Zealand inventor who has been achieving some spectacular feats in his water-jet propelled boat. In this flat-bottomed craft he can streak up fearsome rapids, "leaping" over obstacles with the nimbleness of a salmon.

The engine works by drawing water through a strainer into a pipe and pumping it out through the stern at high velocity. The boat is steered by directing the jet to right or left.

Others are being built for sport, or for tourist travel on rivers previously considered unnavigable.

### Yacht in search of a cup

In 1851 the Royal Yacht Squadron offered the Queen's Cup for an international yacht race round the Isle of Wight. The race was won by the United States yacht America, and the trophy became the America's Cup. There have been many attempts to win it back, all unsuccessful, but now the Royal Yacht Squadron is to try once more.

The challenge is to be made in the yacht Sceptre, due to be launched at Sandbank on the Firth of Clyde in a month's time. A 12-metre class yacht of 34 tons, she will have sails of synthetic material, and a metal mast 80 feet high.

The last race for the America's Cup was in 1937, when Sir Thomas Sopwith came close to winning in his yacht Endeavour II. Before that Sir Thomas Lipton made many attempts to wrest the cup from America, in yachts all named Shamrock.

### BUSES ON THE LINE

The first of 21 experimental lightweight railbuses has been delivered to British Railways for extensive trials in rural areas. Powered by diesel engines, these buses are being tried out in an effort to keep open lines which are at present running at a loss with steam trains. The 46-seater railbus means that many of the smaller stations and halts would need no staff, tickets being obtainable from the bus-driver.

### CLINGING IVY TO HIDE SCARS

Old mining tips and quarry faces still scar the face of our fair land, and it is therefore pleasing to learn of an experiment to be made in Derbyshire.

The Peak Park Planning Board is to try growing ivy on two sites near the Odin lead mine in the Hope Valley. The planting of trees there has not been a success, partly because of the poor soil and partly because straying sheep have nibbled the young growth.

Though not so attractive as trees, ivy is a hardy growth and should provide a mantle of green to hide unsightly scars.

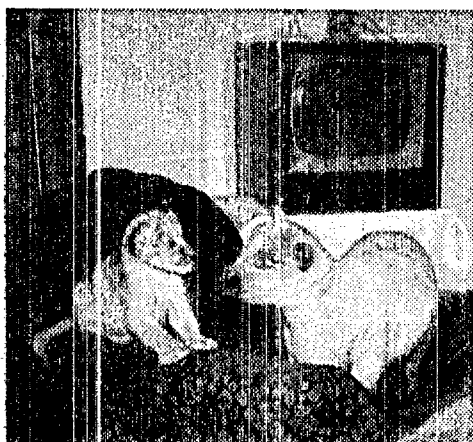
### Full marks



Lesley Leach (14) of Stone, near Dartford, recently gained a 100-per-cent pass with honours in the local examinations of Trinity College of Music. Lesley attends Gravesend Grammar School.

### Strange company

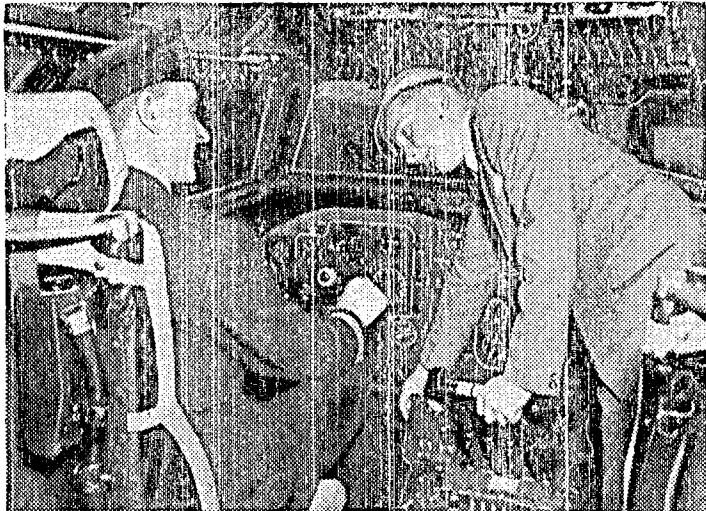
Lena the lion cub and Susie the lamb—an unusual picture of two animals usually seen in the grounds of the Ilfracombe Zoo Park in North Devon.





# ERNEST THOMSON WRITES ABOUT RADIO AND TELEVISION PERSONALITIES AND PROGRAMMES

## ALL ABOARD THE *Billy Bunter* STORY OF A GREAT BRITANNIA is 50 years young FRENCHMAN



The pilot of a B.O.A.C. Britannia explains the controls to a young visitor

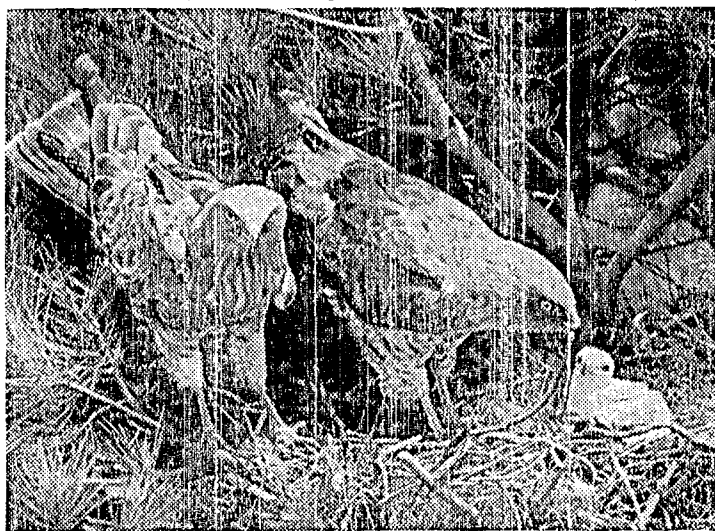
JOHN LANE of BBC Children's Hour is at present working in TV. Almost the last job he did for sound radio—and a very pleasant one, too—was to fly with script-writer Alastair Dunnett by Britannia turbo-prop airliner to Aden, via Rome and Khartoum. We can share some at least of the thrills in Children's Hour on Saturday in I Want To Be... a Civil Airline Pilot.

The two BBC men spent a lot of time in the pilot's cabin, taking

recordings as B.O.A.C.'s latest airliner skimmed over the Alps and the Mediterranean. Apart from this practical illustration of a pilot's job, they also took recordings at London Airport, where budding pilots get some of their training and crews are briefed for flights all over the world.

John Lane told me there are plenty of openings for the right kind of youth. Good education and physical fitness are, of course, essential.

## Bird photographers need great patience



Eric Hosking's picture of Short-Toed eagles feeding their young

ONE of the most beautiful of birds, and some of the world's ugliest, will be seen in BBC Television's Look, this Wednesday, when Peter Scott deals with a naturalists' expedition last year to the Coto Donana in Southern Spain.

His guests are Guy Mountford, the leader, and Eric Hosking, who directed photography. Mr. Hosking's prize picture was of the handsome Short-Toed Eagle, which he photographed from a specially-constructed "hide." His portraits of vultures—the Griffin, Egyptian, and Black—offer a striking con-

trast, for they show birds which are revoltingly ugly.

Eric Hosking's longest vigil was 36 hours in a hide he built in the Scottish Highlands a few years ago to capture a complete sequence in the life of the golden eagle and its young.

He usually tries to get within six to eight feet of his subject and is prepared to stay almost motionless for hours. He has disappointments as well as triumphs; sometimes he has had to give up after waiting days for a wild bird that did not turn up.

WHAT a surprise I had at ATV's Highbury studios the other evening at the first birthday party of Emergency Ward 10! As the lights were switched off at the end of an episode in the hospital ward, a "patient" sprang out of bed in his pyjamas, leaping around like a picture of health. It was Gerald Campion, better known to you and me as Billy Bunter.

Of course, I put the natural question. "When shall we be seeing you cramming yourself with jam tarts again?"

"That's a pleasure I'm waiting for," said Gerald with a laugh. "There's to be a new Bunter series in the summer."

Meanwhile, I bring you the good news that last summer's series starts telerecorded repeats on Saturday week (March 15). This consists of five adventures of the Fat Owl of Greyfriars which were specially written for BBC Children's TV by Frank Richards. It stars Kynaston Reeves as that old cross-patch, Mr. Quelch.

This is a highly topical revival. It is 50 years since author Frank Richards (real name Charles Hamilton) had his first Greyfriars tale in the boys' magazine Magnet.

## Not such good companions

CREATURES that are good companions for people are not always good companions for each other. So Peter West and Stanley Dangerfield will have to be careful to keep the dogs apart from the pigeons when these Good Companions star in the programme of that name in BBC Television on Friday.

This feature for people with pets comes this time from the Carlton (Old) Barracks at Leeds. The dog item is about an obedience training school. But much of the session will deal with pigeons. Fine specimens of domestic breeds are being brought along by Mr. Watmough of Sale, and racing birds will be introduced by Mr. Jack Nelson of Bradford.

## Denis Compton joins Junior Sportsview

DENIS COMPTON has become one of the "regulars" in BBC Television's Junior Sportsview. He will be seen again on March 13. I hear that he also hopes to give a series of cricket lessons in Junior Sportsview in time for next season. Our picture shows him with Walley Barnes, the former Arsenal and Wales footballer, now a TV football commentator.

Meanwhile, Denis Compton has joined the team of TV cricket commentators and will be summarising play at matches this summer with E. W. Swanton and Brian Johnston.

TWENTY-FIVE sheep have been filmed by producer Rex Tucker for The Invisible Army, Nesta Pain's serial on the life of the great French chemist Pasteur which begins in BBC Children's TV on Sunday.

"The sheep figure in one of the most dramatic scenes I know in scientific history," Miss Pain told me. "It was when Pasteur discovered his vaccine for anthrax. In the face of ridicule he staged a public demonstration, vaccinating about half the sheep and leaving the others untouched. All the unvaccinated sheep died."

Hugh David plays Louis Pasteur in a story which begins in 1848 when he meets his wife-to-be, Marie Laurent, who was his faithful helpmeet all through an exciting career. Marie will be played by Margaret Barton.

Pasteur's name is mainly associated with the sterilisation of food and milk. He began his experimenting with wine, rousing the ire of connoisseurs, who feared his experiments would spoil the flavour and bouquet of the wines. He also discovered an antidote to

hydrophobia, which follows a bite from a mad dog. One of the most exciting episodes in the serial is when Pasteur has to decide whether



Hugh David

to risk trying his new method on a boy who has been bitten.

Nesta Pain has made a special study of Pasteur's life. Her book about him, in A. & C. Black's series for children, Lives to Remember, was published last year. The TV serial is based on it.

## Russia to see the British way of life

RUSSIAN viewers will soon be seeing five-minute films specially sent to Moscow State TV by Associated-Rediffusion in exchange for similar short pictures to be included in This Week on Thursdays. Each country will be showing its way of life to the other.

Associated-Rediffusion have already flown the first film to Moscow, a short piece about Television House, London, showing how the technicians put a programme on the air. The Russian commentaries are spoken by Rex Brown, a 24-year-old research student at the London School of Economics.

How a London office girl spends her lunch break is a typical theme in prospect. Other A-R filmlets

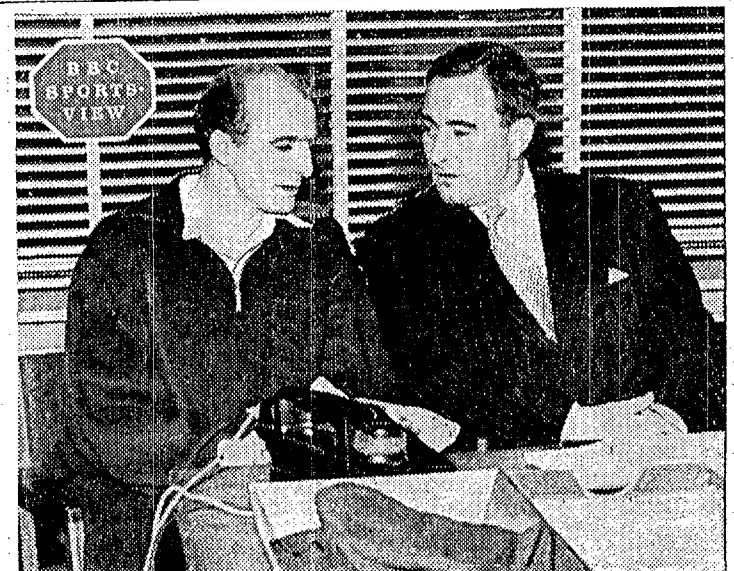
specially for Russian viewers will deal with child welfare; an English housewife shopping for the weekend and cooking the Sunday dinner; fashion; ballet; and a typical British Sunday afternoon.

## Holiday in the snow

JEREMY HAWK will be back as Chairman of Junior Criss Cross Quiz in ITV this Wednesday. The last time we saw him was on February 12. Just before he left for a fortnight of winter sport he said playfully:

"Next time you see me I may be on crutches!"

Bill Grundy, who has been taking Jeremy's place, is a geological engineer. He has often appeared in amateur plays in Manchester, where he lives.





# TRIAL OF CAPTAIN DREYFUS

A TRUE-LIFE drama which roused a nation's conscience is brought to the screen in a new film called *I Accuse*. It is an exciting story based on the Dreyfus case, a famous court martial and a terrible miscarriage of justice which nearly brought France to revolution in the 1890s.

Alfred Dreyfus was a Jewish staff captain in the French Army. In 1894 some vital French documents reached the German Government and Dreyfus was accused of betraying his country.

The evidence against him was falsely built up by high officers in the Army, so that he was convicted and condemned to life imprisonment on Devil's Island. His wife and brother tried to get the case re-opened, and at last it was discovered that another officer was implicated. He was tried four years after Dreyfus but acquitted, because the Army and Government wanted to save face.

## EMILE ZOLA'S PART

At this stage, the famous writer Emile Zola took a hand. He wrote a letter with the heading "*I Accuse*" to a newspaper, charging the Army and the politicians with condemning an innocent man. Zola roused public opinion so much that another trial was ordered. Still the authorities in France were determined not to admit their fault, and again Dreyfus was found guilty. But this



Captain Dreyfus (Jose Ferrer) at the time of his trial—a scene from *I Accuse*

time he was offered a free pardon by the President.

Not until some years later did an officer of the Intelligence department confess that he had forged documents used in the case, and then Dreyfus was reinstated to the Army in triumph and honour.

Jose Ferrer, who also directed this gripping film, gives a performance of great dignity as the officer who steadfastly refuses to bow

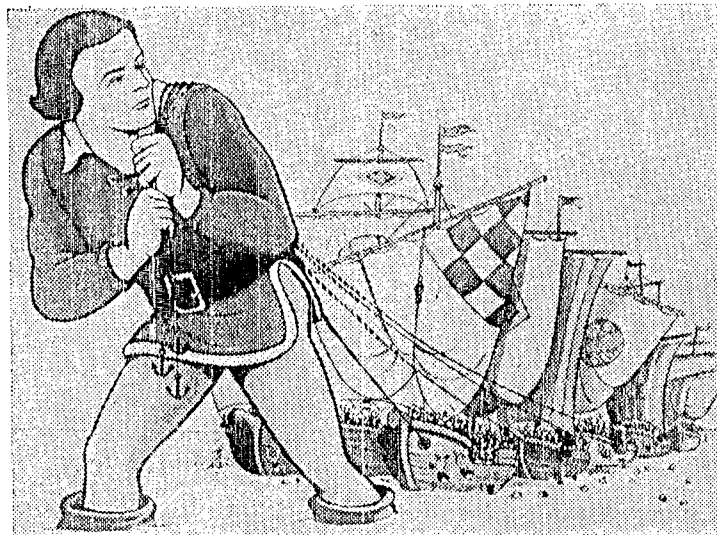
down to his persecutors. The trial scenes are very impressive and excellently written and acted.

Emlyn Williams plays Zola, the forthright, brilliant writer who stood so strongly for justice, and there are other good pieces of acting by Leo Genn, as the officer who believed in Dreyfus, and by Donald Wolfitt as the fanatical general who felt that the honour of the Army was of more importance than the fate of one man.

Anton Walbrook is also brilliant as the actual spy.

A FILM version of Jonathan Swift's famous satire, *Gulliver's Travels*, has just been re-issued. Done in Technicolor, this cartoon is exciting and often tremendously funny.

I am sure that everyone who sees this *Gulliver* in the cinema will enjoy reading the book again.



Gulliver captures the entire fleet of Blefusco

## Our up-to-date Post Office

Delegations from the Canadian and American Post Offices are coming to Britain soon to study the modern methods of our postal services.

They will visit Mount Pleasant in London, the biggest postal sorting office in Europe; they will travel to Southampton to see the latest machines for handling mail; and they will look in at the Dollis Hill Research Station in North-West London, where experiments are constantly made to produce new labour-saving machines.

At Mount Pleasant our friends from the other side of the Atlantic will be interested in the Post Office railway, the only one of its kind in the world. It runs beneath the streets for about seven miles, from Whitechapel to Paddington, and links up the main railway stations and sorting offices. The trains carry thousands of bags of mail from one part of London to another in a matter of minutes. They are worked wholly by elec-

tricity from a small cabin beneath Mount Pleasant, and no one is allowed to ride on them.

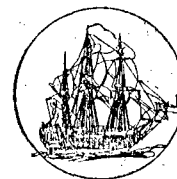
The delegates will next see a gigantic machine which, by the mere pressing of a button, can sort 1800 parcels an hour.

The Head Post Office at Southampton will prove of special interest to the Canadians and Americans, for here they will see postal mechanisation in full swing. For instance, there are machines that separate long letters from short ones; arrange all letters so that the stamps are in the top right-hand corner; send them whizzing through the stamp cancelling machine at the rate of 600 a minute; and sort them for 144 different destinations.

At the moment postal administrations throughout the world are eagerly awaiting a report on the full-scale trials at Southampton, because they know that the outcome will set the pattern of postal work for many years hence.

## Mechanical artist

This picture shows one of the most fascinating exhibits in a world-famous museum, The Franklin Institute in Pennsylvania. A mechanical figure made in France in 1840, it can be wound up so that it automatically writes certain verses and draws various pictures (like the ship seen in the top corner). The movements of this early automaton are governed by sets of cams.



## LONE VOYAGER

Lieut.-Colonel Adrian Hayter, who sailed alone from England to New Zealand via the Suez Canal a few years ago, has now written a book about his experiences; and he hopes that the sales will enable him to make another lone voyage.

This New Zealander left Devonport in a 30-foot yawl in 1950 and did not reach his homeland until 1956, having had adventures enough in those six years to last any ordinary man a lifetime.

For instance, on the 2000-mile crossing from Aden to Bombay he had a terrific struggle with the monsoon, and on reaching Java was arrested as a spy. On his release he set off again, and after

100 days managed to reach a point nearly 300 miles north of Perth in Western Australia. For part of the time he had lived on soup made from barnacles on his boat, and he was nearly dead from hunger and thirst when he managed to stagger ashore.

He spent nearly two years in Australia, and then decided to complete his thrilling journey, crossing from Perth to New Zealand in 78 days.

Undaunted by his previous experiences, Lieut.-Colonel Hayter hopes to come to England this year to make another lone voyage home—this time westward, via the Panama Canal.

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WITH three weeks still to go, entries for this great Children's Newspaper competition are now arriving by every post, and the CN thanks the many schools which have assisted by the prompt return of their papers.

Other schools which have not yet completed their entries are asked kindly to do so, and then to post them in good time. This will help to speed up the great task of examination and enable us to announce the results without undue delay.

At the time of going to press, requests for additional Entry Forms can still be met if application is made promptly to:

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London, E.C.4 (Comp.)

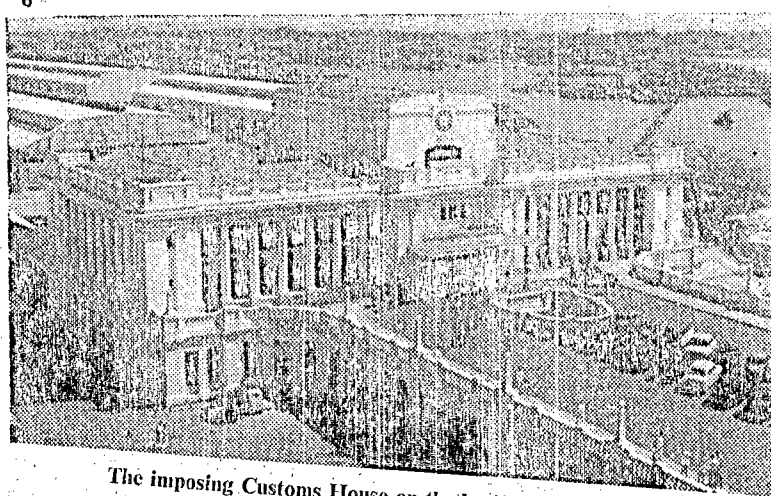
Forms are issued only in response to school application, and are sent free and post free.

Entrants who have not yet secured Tokens for their entry papers are reminded that ample supplies of Children's Newspaper are available. Those unable to obtain copies from the newsagent on request, should place an order with him without delay. In this way, all demands for the Newspaper can be met.

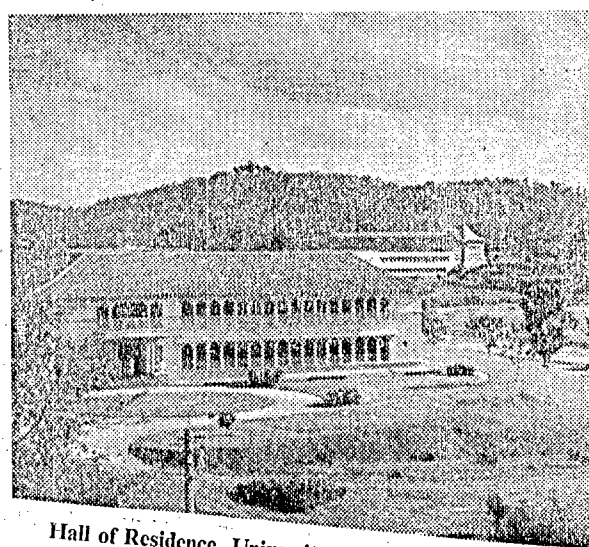
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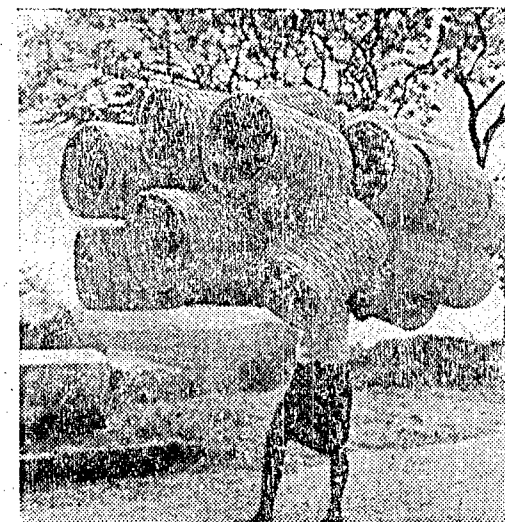




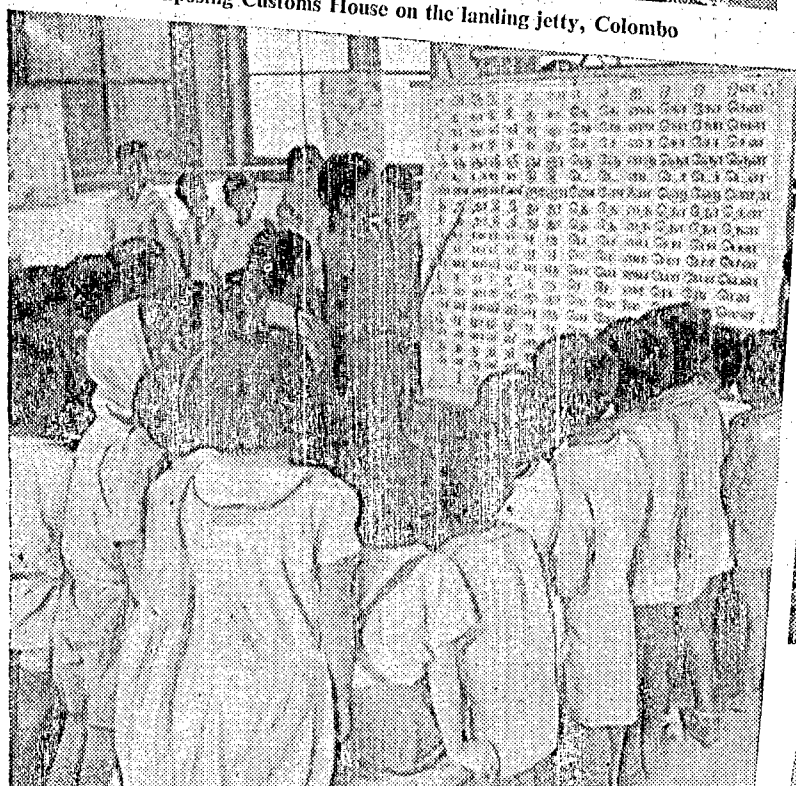
The imposing Customs House on the landing jetty, Colombo



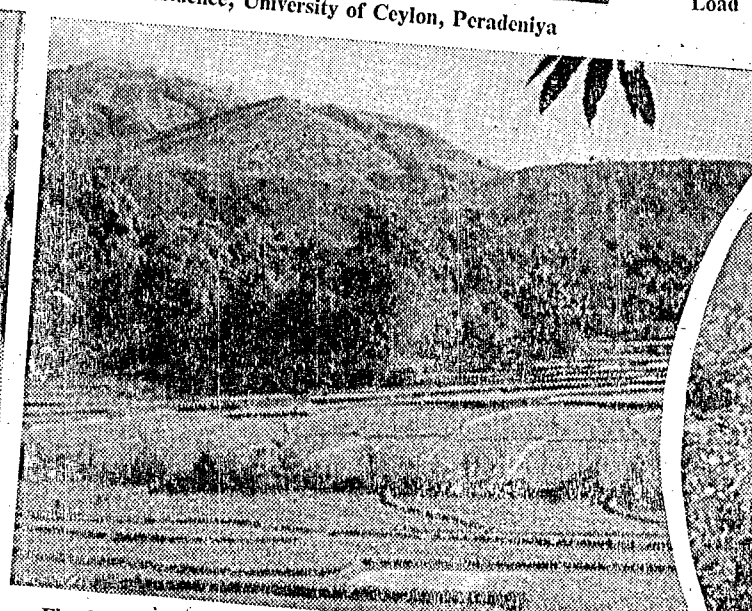
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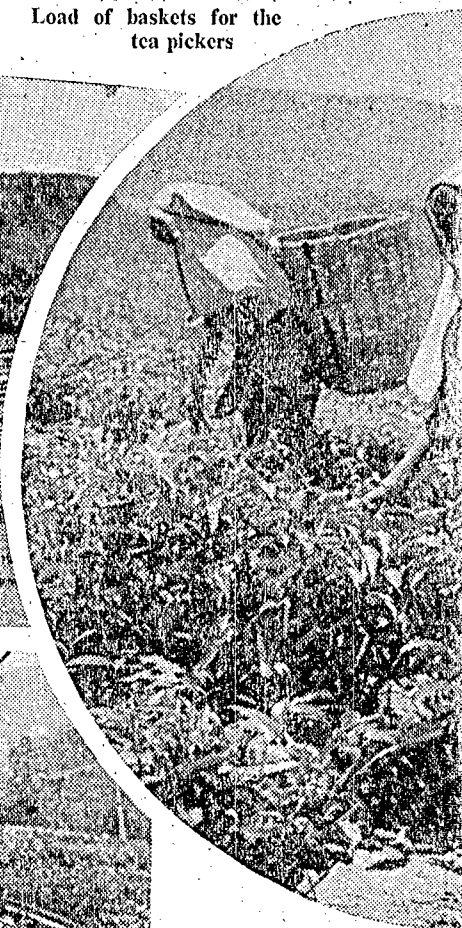
Load of baskets for the tea pickers



Tamil children learning their alphabet. It has 276 letters



Flooded fields where the rice grows



Picking the tea, which is on  
In an average year more than  
and about a third



A boy and his boat, in this case a toy outrigger sailing canoe



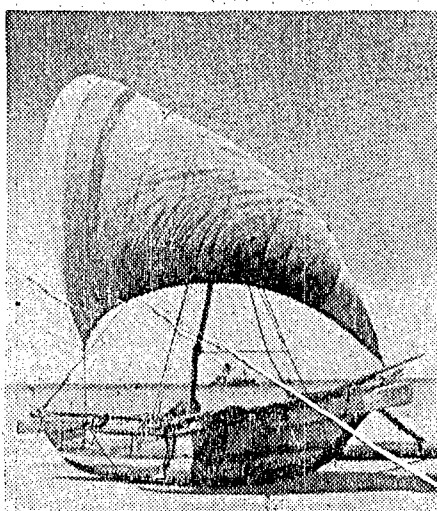
A bricklayer takes a breather, but keeps  
his shoulder to the wheel



Mechanical tea pickers are used on  
some plantations

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## COMMONWEALTH



One of the outriggers used by the fishermen



Shower bath with a bucket

THIS beautiful island has a long history. Indians from the Ganges valley established a kingdom here in the sixth century B.C. The first European invaders were the Portuguese, in 1505. They were driven out in 1658 by the Dutch, who in their turn were conquered by the British in 1796. It became an independent State within the Commonwealth ten years ago.

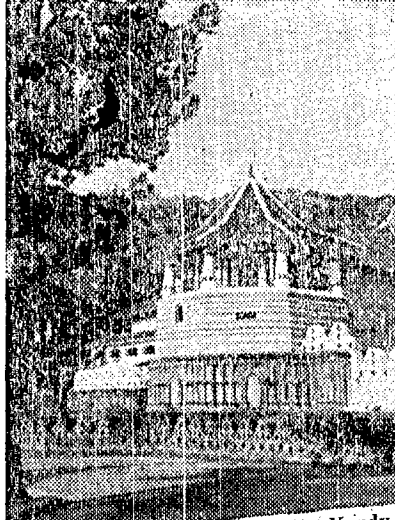
THE area of Ceylon is 25,332 square miles, about four-fifths the size of Ireland. The population numbers more than eight million, of which more than five and half million are Sinhalese (the ancient people of Ceylon). The remainder are Tamils, who came from Southern India, and people of mixed descent. There are some 7000 Europeans.



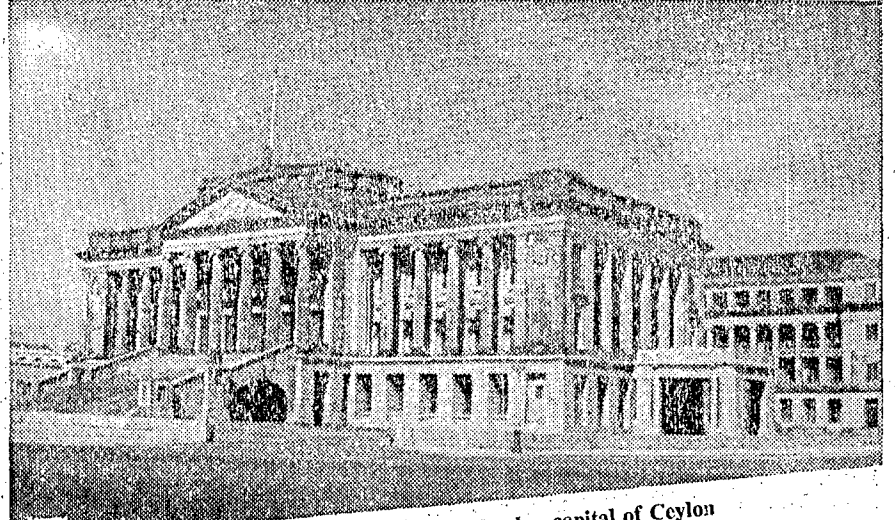
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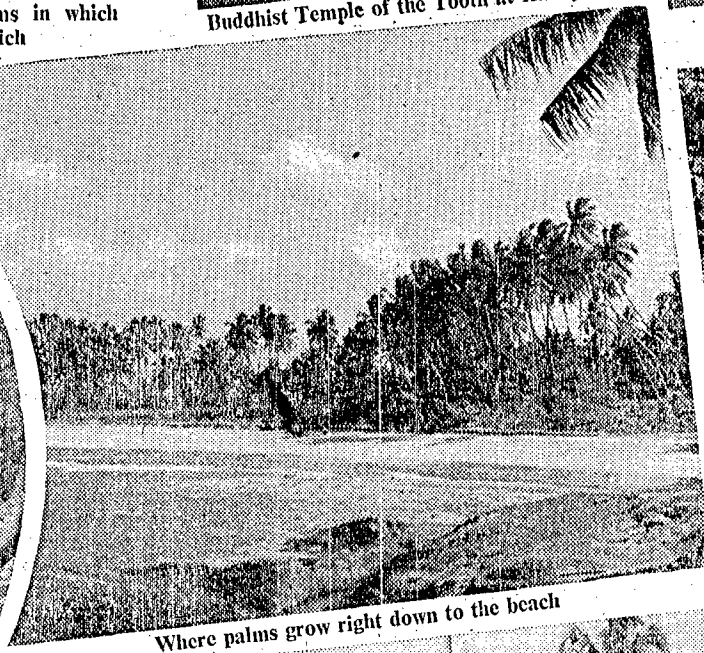
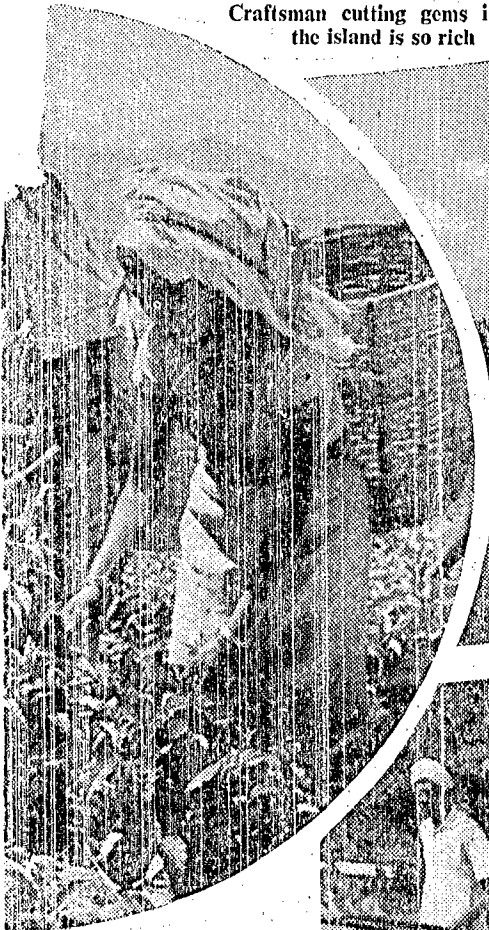
Craftsman cutting gems in which the island is so rich



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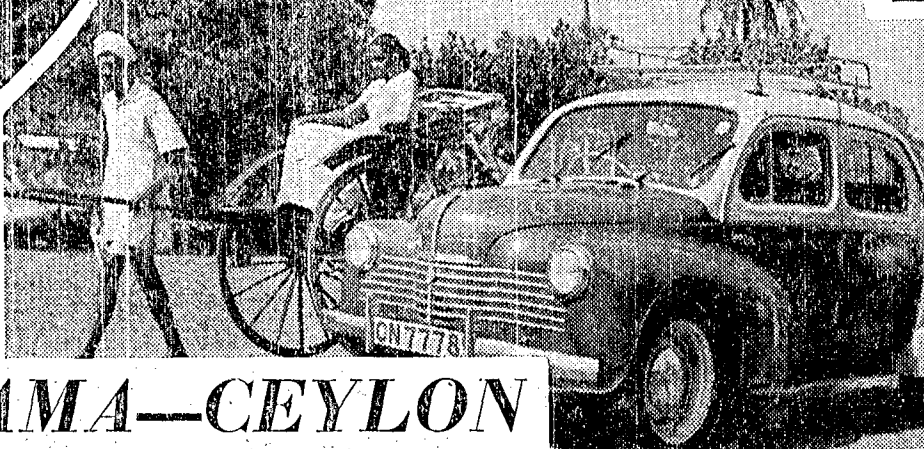
Where palms grow right down to the beach



Bathtime for elephants at Kandy—a sight popular among tourists

One of Ceylon's chief exports. 350 million lb. is exported, most of it to Britain.

(produced by courtesy of Ceylon's Tea Board and the Tea Bureau)



Old and new—rickshaw and quickshaw

## PANORAMA—CEYLON

TODAY Ceylon faces a great task of reconstruction after floods which rendered some 300,000 people homeless. Many irrigation works on which farmers in the dry regions depend were also destroyed.

**BUDDHISM**, introduced from India in the third century B.C., is the prevailing religion, but there are over 1,614,000 Hindus, about 715,000 Christians, and 542,000 Moslems.

**CEYLON** has a flourishing agriculture. Rice, for home consumption, is extensively cultivated. The most valuable exports are tea, rubber, coconut products, cinnamon, cocoa beans, and citronella oil. Graphite is mined and exported, and there are many gem pits which yield sapphires, rubies, and other precious stones.



Masked for a ceremonial dance



Fisherman of Trincomalee



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# CHAMPION OF THE CHILDREN

## Film of a well-trained dog

Benjamin Waugh, who died on March 11 just 50 years ago, deserves the grateful remembrance of us all, for he was one of the founders of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Born in 1839, the son of a saddler, in the little Yorks hire town of Settle, Benjamin Waugh grew up to become a Congregational minister. While working at Greenwich he was struck by the shocking conditions of life among the many homeless boys of the neighbourhood, and started a scheme for helping them to go to sea and earn a living.

He became editor of The Sunday Magazine and wrote and spoke constantly for the cause he had so near his heart. One of his contributors, a Miss Sarah Smith, who wrote under the name of Hesba Stretton, was also interested in the



children's cause, and when she enlisted the help of influential people, including the Earl of Shaftesbury, in founding the London Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Benjamin Waugh became the society's first secretary. This was in 1884, and he became director of the larger national society when it came into being four years later.

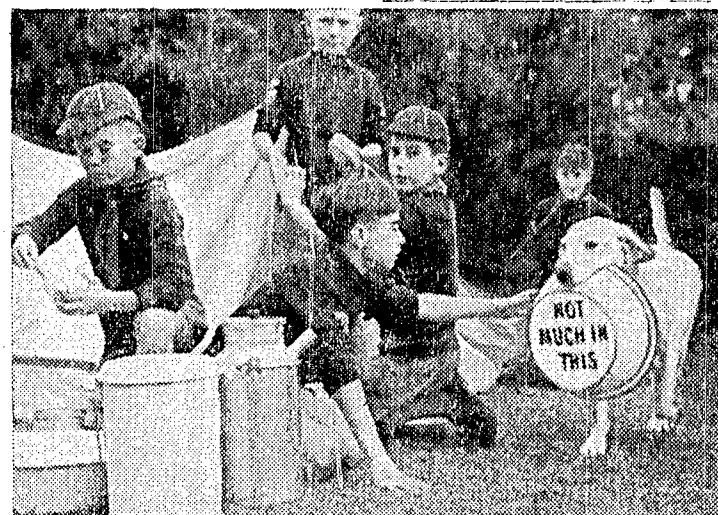
Benjamin Waugh had a strong personality, and when he spoke to audiences against cruelty to children he could rouse anger and tears. He gradually built up the support that was needed from the public, and was responsible for many improvements in the law as it affected young people.

When the N.S.P.C.C. was formed it had only one inspector and one office. In the first year 95 cases were dealt with and the income totalled £903.

On the wall of a bank in Settle, on the site of the saddler's shop where he was born, a tablet records the name of Benjamin Waugh as that of a great friend of children. No man ever had better claim to the title.

Knock on the door of Mr. Ted Harland's house at Effingham, Surrey, and the chances are that it will be answered by his 6½-year-old Labrador retriever, Bramble. But Bramble, whose pedigree name is Whenside Stone-sand of Bramley, is not just a family pet; he makes himself generally useful, fetching and carrying.

A 20-minute film of Bramble at work has been made, Mr. Harland's aim being to show young people how to train their dogs to know exactly what is needed of them—training which can only be done by kindness and patience.



Bramble lends a hand at a local Cub camp

## Houses of Parliament on fire

Three fire engines raced through London's streets the other day to put out a fire in the Houses of Parliament. But when the firemen arrived they could see no signs of fire, nor even the slightest wisp of smoke. Inquiries showed that the alarm had been given after someone on the south side of the Thames had spotted a "blaze"—the sun reflecting on the windows.

## LAST VOYAGE OF CONRAD'S SHIP

From Tasmania comes news—sad news—of a ship that was for a short time the pride and joy of author Joseph Conrad. She is the barque Otago, which was built on the Clyde in 1869 for use in the South Seas, and for many years was operated by an Adelaide shipping firm. Now her days are ended, for she is to be sunk.

It was at Bangkok in 1888 that Joseph Conrad, then 31, took command of the Otago. His salary was £14 a month. Conrad had never before been master of a ship, and his delight at taking over is related in The Shadow Line, a book which he at first intended to call First Command:

"There! That's your ship, Captain," he said. I felt a thump in my breast—only one, as if my heart had ceased to beat. There were ten or more ships moored along the bank, and the one he meant was partly hidden from my sight by her next astern... Directly my eyes had rested on my ship, all my fears vanished... Yes, there she was. Her hull, her rigging filled my eye with a great content... At the first glance I saw that she was a first-class vessel,

a harmonious creature in the lines of her fine body, in the proportioned tallness of her spars. Whatever her age and her history, she had preserved the stamp of her origin. She was one of those craft that in virtue of their design and complete finish will never look old. Amongst her companions moored to the bank, and all bigger than herself, she looked like a creature of high breed—an Arab steed in a string of cart-horses.

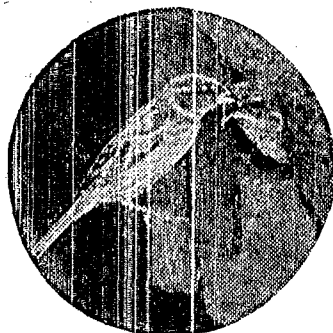
When Conrad took over, the ship's affairs were in poor shape, but after some early difficulties he proved himself an efficient master and became on the best of terms with the owners. He was in command for 15 months—until April 1889, when he resigned and came back to Europe.

Under different command, the Otago continued to sail in Southern Seas until 1905. She was berthed at Sydney for a time before being towed to Hobart to serve as a coal-lighter. For the last 27 years Conrad's old ship has been lying, a rusty hulk, in a few feet of water up river near Hobart. Now she is to be towed out to sea, to be sunk in Davy Jones's locker.

## Spotlight on the sparrow

We shall soon know a lot more about house-sparrows than we do at present. Ornithologists in the Midlands have just started an investigation into their habits, for there is increasing concern about the damage done by these birds. House-sparrows not only peck at vegetables but they also destroy early spring flowers—especially yellow varieties, like the daffodil.

House sparrows are not so common as most people think. They are to be seen in large numbers in towns and cities, where they can pick up an easy living; and going out, they also raid farm crops. There are, however, wide tracks of Britain where house-sparrows are never seen.



We know that house-sparrows nest almost throughout the year, and multiply at a great rate. There are three or four broods a year with five or six young in each.

The birds rarely go more than half a mile from their nesting site. And we have discovered recently the interesting fact that sparrows return once a day to the place of nesting, just to look round, even if they do not happen to be actually nesting.

It must not be forgotten that nearly all birds do a considerable amount of good to make up for any bad deeds.

These perky little sparrows that like to live close to our homes are among the few that chase and eat the destructive cabbage-white butterflies. They also eat crane-flies, moths, and ants, and search the barks of fruit trees for aphids and other pests.

## FATHER OF THE LOCOMOTIVE—the amazing story of Richard Trevithick (12)



Trevithick and Gerard sailed from Greytown, Nicaragua, bound for Cartagena in Colombia. Though they had little money left, they were in high spirits, for they believed their fortunes were made. They intended returning to England as soon as possible to start a company to mine the gold and silver they had found in Costa Rica. But shortly after reaching Cartagena, Trevithick's career nearly came to an end.



He was crossing the River Magdalena when a clumsy boatman upset the craft, and a big alligator sped towards him. Luckily an English officer in the Colombian army, a Mr. Hall, happened to be shooting wild pigs nearby, and his shot was true. Together they returned to an inn at Cartagena, and there they found Robert Stephenson, son of the famous engineer. He was in charge of Colombian mines.



At first Robert ignored Trevithick, who was deeply hurt by his attitude. Mr. Hall was embarrassed, and whispered to the young man, "Surely you know him—the inventor of the locomotive, your father's friend and fellow worker?" At that George Stephenson's son spoke to the man who had often played with him when he was a baby. Later, hearing that Trevithick was penniless, he pressed him to accept a loan.



Robert Stephenson invited Gerard to go with him on a visit to the U.S.A. Later Trevithick sailed for England. The voyage lasted nearly six weeks, and when the ship arrived, he had no money to pay for his passage, and the Captain would not allow him to go ashore. But a chance acquaintance Trevithick had made on board was sorry to see the celebrated inventor in such a plight, and paid what he owed.

Famous but penniless, what does the future hold for this man of many adventures? See next week's instalment



# SECRET OF THE GORGE

By Malcolm Saville

Jenny Harman and Tom Ingles have found an old letter in a sofa which Jenny's father has bought at a sale. The letter was written forty years ago by a woman who had stolen the famous Whiteflower diamond necklace and had hidden it somewhere in Bringewood Manor or its grounds. Jenny and Tom take the letter to Miss Whiteflower who lives in a cottage in Jenny's village with her young nephew, Nicholas. Jenny arranges a meeting of all the Lone Piners, and they set off for the farm called Seven Gates. As they pass by the cottage owned by old Mrs. Quickseed, where Miss Whiteflower and Nicholas are staying, the little dog owned by the Morton twins attacks two cats in the front garden.

## 7. Encounter with Mrs Quickseed

DICKIE leaned his bicycle against the wall of Mrs. Quickseed's front garden and followed his twin, Mary, into the small patch of ground in front of the cottage. At that moment Mrs. Quickseed came running round the side of the house with two more cats at her heels. Mary flung herself on Mackie and scooped him up in her arms.

Mrs. Quickseed was trembling with agitation.

"How dare you! You wicked, wicked children. Go away at once and take that horrible dog with you. He was killing my pretties—my lovely Rufus and Claribel. I shall report you to the police. Your dog is a murderer!"

"Oh, no, he isn't, Mrs. Birdseed," Dickie said indignantly. "He's a very proud and friendly dog, but there are some people he doesn't like—"

"And no cats that he likes," Mary added. "And we don't blame him. Your wicked, bloodthirsty cats absolutely attacked him. He was walking by in the sun, very hot and weary and he just sort of looked at them and said, 'Good morning'—an'— Please take him, twin. He's too heavy . . . An' they flew at him and now I s'pose he'll hate cats and you can't really blame him, can you, Mrs. Quicklime?"

Then, for the first time, the woman seemed to realise that she was talking to twins whom she had never seen before. They were absurdly alike as they stood side by side while the dog, still snarling, struggled to escape and attack her darlings again.

She looked round to see, Rufus and Claribel both sitting on the

grass cleaning themselves and none the worse for their encounter. Then she realised that these strange children had spoken to her by name—not actually her own name but names that reminded her of her name! Then the boy glanced up the road, nudged the girl and said.

"We don't want to be rude, but please don't let your cats attack poor little helpless dogs again."

"Wicked cats," Mary said demurely. "We shall complain to the police— Come with us now, my precious one."

## Too much to say

Macbeth, Mary's precious one, scrambled from Dickie's arms as soon as they were outside the gate, barked defiantly, and raced up the road after Peter, Jenny, and David who were resting under a tree which was out of sight of the cottage.

"Thank you, twins," Jenny said when they came up. "You didn't see Nicholas or Miss Whiteflower did you?"

"Only old Mrs. Birdseed," Dickie explained. "You did say she was a witch, didn't you?"

"As usual, you've got too much to say," David said as he got up and hitched his knapsack on his



"Your dog is a murderer"

back again. "You ought not to have allowed Mackie to go after the cats. Come on. I want my dinner and we've got a lot to do when we get to Seven Gates."

Mary looked at him in horror and then to Dickie. Without exchanging a word the twins sat down together in the shade of the tree.

Then Mary spoke to Peter. "Goodbye, Petah. When we're strong enough we'll toil after you to Seven Gates."

"And if you happen to see our brother David," Dickie broke in,

"you can tell him we don't want to speak to him again—ever, not after the way he speaks to us." And he turned his back to them.

All the sympathy Dickie got from the other three was laughter as they started up the road.

And so some of the Lone Piners came again to the farm called Seven Gates.

As they entered the big farmyard at last, two cottages were on their left and ahead of them was the big, ugly brick farmhouse. Beyond the house were the barns and sheds for the tractors. The largest of the barns with its doors painted white was theirs when they wanted it.

"Let's take the bikes over first and unload them and then go and find your uncle and aunt," David suggested to Peter. "The twins will be along soon. They're sure to be frantically famished by now, as Dickie would say."

## The big barn

They crossed the farmyard and pushed their bikes into the cool shade of the big barn. It was just as they remembered it—vaulted and pillared like a church, uneven brick floor, cobwebs hanging from the black rafters, and all sorts of rusty old implements hanging on the walls. Against the wall on the left were several wooden partitions which were once used for storing grain but which the male Lone Piners now used as sleeping cubicles. In the far corner was the steep staircase leading up to the vast granary which the girls used as a dormitory.

"I'll start unpacking, if you like," David suggested as he slipped out of the heavy knapsack. "You girls go to the house and tell Aunt Carol that we've arrived."

## Down to business

It did not take the Lone Piners long to settle in. When Jenny and Peter came back from the house they took their sleeping bags and rucksacks up to the granary. The twins arrived soon after and a meal was quickly prepared. They were all quite ready to eat.

"Let's leave the washing up for a bit and get down to business," David suggested when they had finished their dinner. "We want to hear what all the fuss is about. I've never known you so mysterious, Peter. Why wouldn't you tell us before, what's been happening?"

"Let's go up in the granary," Peter said. "It's more private there and not so hot. And we can see if anybody comes . . . This is Jenny's adventure, anyway. She began it and made me promise not to tell you and the twins until we had a proper Club meeting."

They went up into the granary. As quickly as she could Jenny told them the story—about the sale in Ludlow, the buying of the sofa by her father, and the two men

who wanted to buy it. Finally, how she and Tom had found the letter. This brought immediate demands from the twins who wanted to see the letter.

"I haven't got it," Jenny explained. "I gave it to Miss Whiteflower and presently we're going to see her. She's practically promised that we shall help her to find the diamond necklace!"

"What!" Dickie yelled. "Who's got a diamond necklace? Where is it?"

"Will you listen," Jenny protested and she went on to tell them about the Whiteflower necklace and Harriet Brown.

"But this is terrific, Jen," David cried. "How could you wait to tell us? Does this Miss Whiteflower really believe that there is a chance of finding the necklace after all these years? Doesn't the woman's letter give any idea where she hid it? And what is this place where it all happened?"

"You can ask her all those things presently, David, and see

the letter, too," Peter said. "We thought it a good idea to promise to help her and told her you were coming today."

"What's this Nicholas boy like?" Dickie asked. "Diamonds are a new sort of adventure for us but Mary and me like a change sometimes. We must break up this camp now and make a new one over there by all that water and see this big house and search everywhere—"

"Dickie's right about that. We'll have to go over there," David agreed. "Never mind about Nicholas for a sec. What about Miss Whiteflower? What's she like? . . . There's another thing, Jenny. Surely if we could find the rest of this letter—the other sheets of it, I mean—there might be a better clue to where that woman hid the necklace? Let's get tidied up now and go. We'll have to leave Mackie here of course. No good risking more trouble!"

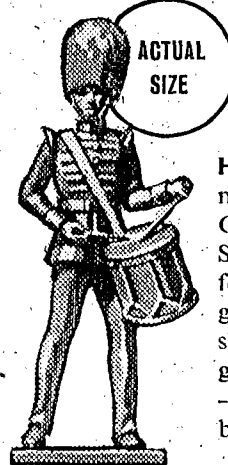
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## LOOKING AT THE STARS

# WHEN THE END OF THE WORLD SEEMED NEAR

WHEN the sky is dark and clear with no moonlight about, the sparkling constellation of Cassiopeia may be seen at its best. It can be readily recognised with the aid of our star-map. Its five brightest stars form the familiar arrangement of a "W" which is always visible on cloudless nights as it appears to travel round the North Pole of the Heavens.

The constellation lies across the Milky Way, that grand belt of stellar light and radiance which encircles the Heavens. This portion presents a region of great beauty, particularly if explored with the aid of binoculars or even opera glasses. They will reveal large numbers of stars that are far beyond the few shown in the star-map. Some form clusters, some are obviously pairs. Far beyond these is the radiance of at least a million more stars requiring a powerful telescope to reveal them.

## OUTBURST IN THE SKY

In 1572, this area was the scene of the greatest stellar outburst ever known in the Heavens. It occurred in a very dense region of stars, but where none could be seen with the unaided eye; the exact situation is indicated by the X on the star-map.

First noticed on November 11, 1572, the outburst immediately caused much excitement and terror. It appeared so quickly (unlike a comet, which was also feared in those days), and it blazed up so rapidly in a single night that many even feared the approach of the end of the world. A rival sun appeared to be coming!

It continued to increase in brilliance for the first few days, but appeared to be fixed relative to the other stars. It remained intensely bright through December, exceeding even Venus with its brilliance and shining all through the day. Then a slow reduction in brightness began and continued throughout the following year. Terror gave way to curiosity.

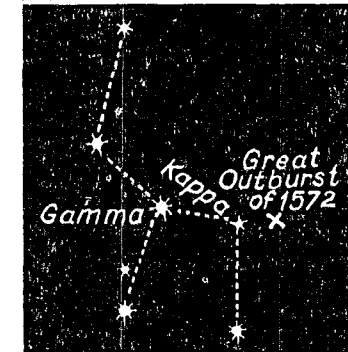
The great astronomer Tycho Brahe left a detailed account of what was seen, although he states that he could hardly believe his eyes. At first, according to him, the outburst shone through tolerably thick clouds. However, it continued to decline until by

very hot and brilliant helium star Gamma-in-Cassiopeia greatly increased in brilliance. It was found to be speeding through a vast and dense Nebula, or mass of cosmic matter, which the star's radiance lit up so as to be perceptible.

The position of Gamma and the vast enveloping Nebula appears to be at no very great distance from where the great outburst of 1572 occurred, and as dense masses of nebulous cosmic matter are known to cover far greater distances, it may well be that something similar happened in the 1572 flare-up.

Such outbursts on a lesser scale are not infrequent in nebulous Milky Way regions, and another might occur at any time.

G. F. M.



## BLACKBIRDS IN CHURCH

There are two blackbirds on their nests to be seen in the new Church of St. John, at Carlton, near Nottingham.

They are models, and they are there because when the church was being built two blackbirds made their nest in the brickwork and were left in place by the workmen. Children brought them food, and when the young birds were hatched they also were given food.

One of the models is now in the spot above the altar of the children's chapel where the real nest was, and the other is beside the font. They were sculptured by Miss Freda Skinner, of the Wimbledon School of Art.

## SECRET OF THE GORGE

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their way. Mackie was left at the farmhouse in the care of Peter's Aunt Carol. It was cool in the pine wood going down towards Barton Beach and Jenny, who had never before had such a chance to introduce her friends to such a fine new adventure, chatted away cheerfully about diamond necklaces and the beautiful young woman who stole them.

"It's just like a book, really. Better than a story because we know that it happened in long ago times that were most romantic," she said. "And please, twins, don't remind Mrs. Quickseed, if we see her, about Mackie. She may be very angry and we don't want anyone upset in that house until Miss Whiteflower says we can help her."

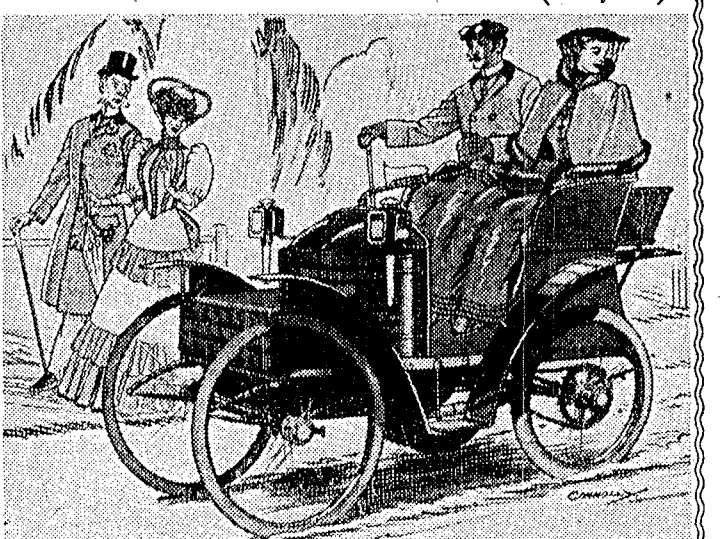
They came in sight of the cottage and Jenny stopped suddenly. To their surprise Nicholas was waiting for them at the gate.

"Now what could have happened?" Jenny cried. "Why is Nicholas outside? Is he waiting to tell us that something terrible has happened?"

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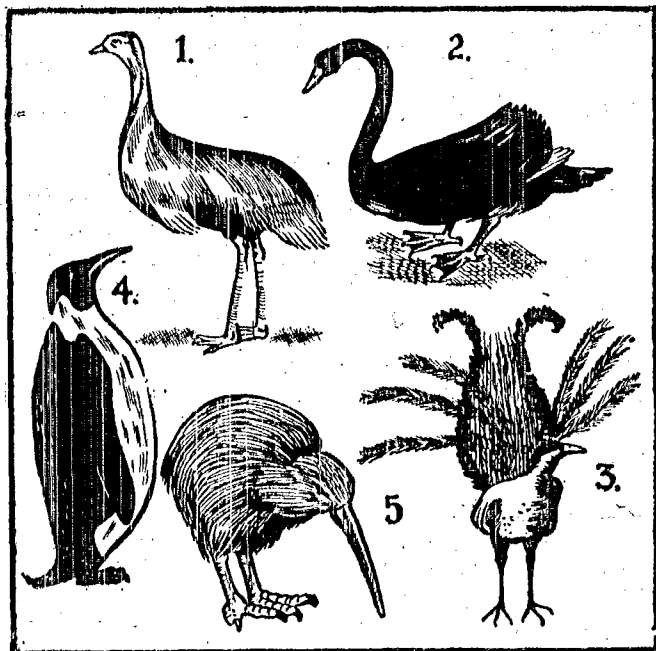
RETURNING from Australia in 1893, Herbert Austin was put in charge of production of the Wolseley Sheep Shearing Machine Company. He soon persuaded the firm to build motor-cars. He made an experimental three-wheeler, and then produced this trim little car

with a single-cylinder horizontal engine of six h.p. For several years he designed all Wolseley cars, keeping to the horizontal type of engine, which had the cylinder lying flat along the car under the front floorboards. In 1905 Austin left Wolseley, to found the Austin Car Company.



# PUZZLE PARADE

## WHAT BIRDS ARE HERE?



CAN you name these five birds and the countries or territories in which they are found?

### RED-LETTER DAYS

Can you add a day of the week to the following words to make a special day of the year?

SHROVE, ASH, PLOUGH, MAUNDY, MOTHERING, GOOD.

### WORD-CHANGING

COMPLETE I grow within a field, And pleasant pasture often yield;

Decapitate, a suitor then Is quickly brought before your ken. Behead again, I am a word That on the cricket field is heard. Restore my head, cut off my tail, To find a spice you will not fail. Behead me now and you will find The master passion left behind. Complete me as I was before, Put on my head, my tail restore. My second letter take away, An envelope I am, you'll say. Now, if you but curtail once more, I'll show an inlet in the shore.

## IT'S AN ILL WIND . . .



It was another of those windy days for which March is famous. Constable Monkeyman had paused to rest after puffing his way up the hill when an extra-strong gust whipped off his helmet. Away it went back down the hill, and Jacko and Bouncer chased after it. Bouncer had just rescued it when another dog came bounding along, thinking it was all a game. Bouncer joined in, too, and by the time Jacko was able to come to the rescue Constable Monkeyman—and the helmet—were in a very poor state. "It's an ill wind that blows no one any good," thought Jacko. But he could not think of anyone for whom this wind had blown good.

## PAINTER'S PUZZLE

The letters of the words printed in italics can be rearranged to spell the name of a flower.

It was a *fad* of Aunt Dot's to paint flowers everywhere, even on the lid of her puff-box.

### CHANGE THE WORDS

The words in capitals can be shuffled to form the missing words in each sentence.

THE SWEDISH girl ..... past us with her nose in the air.

Has THELMA got a part in the school's production of .....?

The WARDER is to receive a ..... for his bravery.

The HEIGHT is only one ..... more than the width.

We stopped to LISTEN, but everything was .....

### WHAT AM I?

My first's in cod but not in dab, My second's in perch and also in crab.

My third's in tope but not in dace, My fourth's in sole but not in plaice.

My fifth's in pike but not in bass, My sixth's in turbot but not in wrasse.

My last's in sprat but not in hake, My whole has many arms to shake.

### OUT OF CHARACTER

Here are some names familiar in literature, but one of them is out of place. Can you name that one?

MR. PECKSNIFF, Scrooge, Bill Sikes, Mrs. Leo Hunter, C. L. Dodgson, Betsy Trotwood.

### DO YOU KNOW?

WHICH is the oldest fruit you can get?

### JUMBLED JEWELS

Re-arrange the following jumbled words to make the names of five jewels.

ERISTQUUO, LPAO, ALPRE, YMTATSEH, READLEM.

## BEDTIME TALE

### BILLY UP TO A NEW TRICK

LOOKING through a book one day, Billy saw a picture of men on stilts. "That looks fun," he thought. "I'd like to try that myself."

He went into the garden shed and found two long poles. Then he got two small blocks of wood and nailed one onto each pole about three feet from the bottom.

He took the stilts on to the lawn and tried to walk on them.

But it was much harder than he thought. He fell over backwards and he fell over forwards and sideways. But gradually he got the knack of it, and when Paul came into the garden some time later Billy was striding up and down in fine style.

"Have a try, Paul," he called. "It's jolly good fun."

But Paul could not manage the stilts at all, and after his fifth fall he gave them back to Billy. "Silly things, anyway," he grumbled. "Prefer my skates any time." And he marched off to get them.

Billy watched him go to the back door of his house, then look round as if puzzled.

"What have you lost?" he called.

"The step-ladder," replied Paul. "When Mummy goes out she locks the door and puts the key on the ledge up there. But she's forgotten to leave the ladder out, and there's nothing I can climb on."

Billy clumped over on his stilts and reached up to the ledge.

"Silly things, stilts, aren't they?" he grinned as he tossed the key to Paul.

Paul looked a bit sheepish, then he laughed. "Come on," he said. "Let's have another try. If you can walk on them I'm jolly certain I can."

And before long he, too, was saying: "Jolly good fun, aren't they?"

## JUST A FEW WORDS

HERE is an entertaining way to increase your knowledge of words. Each numbered sentence below is followed by three answers or comments you might make; but, in each case, only one is correct and shows that you have understood the meaning of the word in italics. To answer five or six correctly is very good.

(Answers are given at foot of this column)

- I intend to *reconnoitre*.  
A—I have a look round.  
B—Get my own back.  
C—Stay under cover.
- His work will benefit *posterity*.  
A—The general public.  
B—Communications between nations.  
C—People of the future.
- You cannot *coerce* him.  
A—Comfort.  
B—Force.  
C—Cure.
- I was overcome with *nostalgia*.  
A—Sea-sickness.  
B—Toothache.  
C—Home-sickness.
- The country showed signs of *decadence*.  
A—Falling into decay.  
B—Gaily decorated.  
C—Quietly at rest.
- He has written a *synopsis* of the play.  
A—A harsh comment.  
B—A short outline.  
C—A continuation.

## LUCKY DIP

### SPOT THE . . .

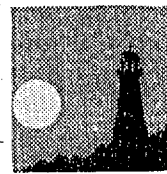
PRIVET BUSH, often seen at this time of the year bearing its poisonous black berries. Although best known as a garden hedge, privet grows wild on good soil and may make a small tree from 12 to 15 feet high. In some districts it forms straggly, bushy thickets. During the summer pinacles of creamy-white flowers are borne on the slender branches. One reason for the privet being so popular in town gardens is because of its ability to thrive in a sooty atmosphere.

### HOWLER

CLEOPATRA was once bitten by an aspidistra.

### OTHER WORLDS

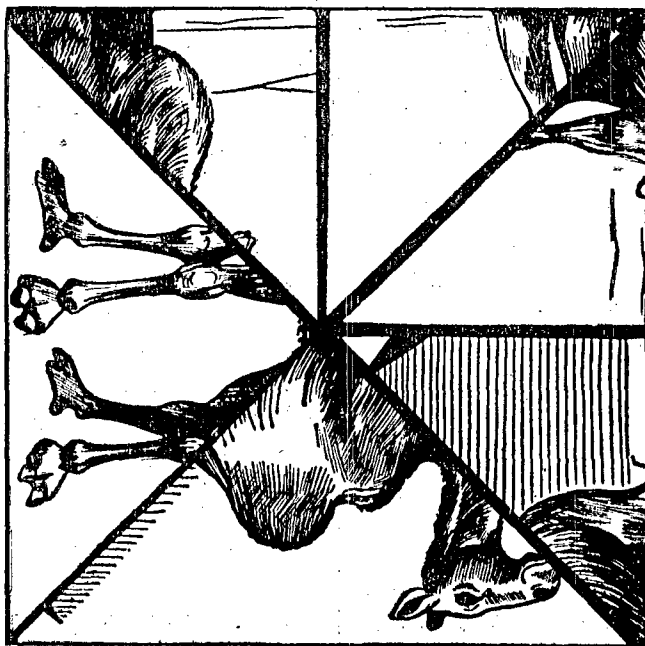
IN the evening no planets are visible. In the morning Venus, Mars, and Saturn are in the south-east, and Jupiter is in the south-west. Our picture shows the Moon as it may be seen at seven o'clock on the evening of this Wednesday.



### ONE THING AT A TIME

FOREMAN: "I wish you wouldn't whistle while you are working, sonny."  
"I wasn't working, sir, only whistling."

## FORM THE ANIMAL



PASTE this on a thin card and then cut out the six pieces. If they are then arranged correctly you will have a picture of a familiar animal.

### ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

What birds are here? 1. Emu (Australia); 2. Black swan (Australia); 3. Lyrebird (Australia); 4. Penguin (Antarctica); 5. Kiwi (New Zealand).

Red-letter days: Shrove Tuesday; Ash Wednesday; Plough Monday; Maundy Thursday; Mothering Sunday; Good Friday. Word changing: Clover, lover, over, clove, love, cover, cove.

Do you know? Elderberry. Jumbled jewels: Turquoise, opal, pearl, amethyst, emerald.

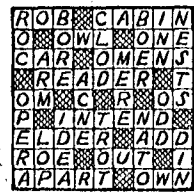
Painter's puzzle. LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: Daffodil.

Change the words: Swished, Hamlet, reward, eighth, silent.

What am I? Octopus. Out of character: C. L. Dodgson (Lewis Carroll); the others are names of Dickens characters.

### JUST A FEW WORDS

- A To reconnoitre is to make preparatory examination. (From French *reconnoitre*—Latin *recognoscere*, to recognise.)
- C Posterity means those coming after; succeeding generations. (From Latin *posterus*, after.)
- B To coerce is to restrain by force; to compel. (From Latin *coercere*, to shut in.)
- C Nostalgia is home-sickness; sentimental longing for past times. (From Greek *nostos*, return home, and *algos*, pain.)
- A Decadence is a state of decay. (From Latin *de*, down, and *cadere*, to fall.)
- B A synopsis is a general view; a summary. (A Greek word—*syn*, with, together, and *opsis*, seeing.)





# TONY CAN PLAY FOR ENGLAND

ONE of soccer's greatest "discoveries" this season has been 20-year-old Tony Macedo, the Fulham goalkeeper. Entering first-class football just before Christmas, Tony is already spoken of as a future international. But for which country?

Spain would seem to have a

good claim, for Tony was born in Gibraltar and his mother was Spanish. However, Tony came to England when he was two, was educated here, and holds a British passport. He is doing his National Service in the R.A.F.

To qualify for England a player must be born here, or, if born in the Commonwealth, have English parents.

Tony obviously does not come into this category—but, nevertheless, Sir Stanley Rous, secretary of the F.A., claims that he *could* play for England. Gibraltar is a British colony, but is not a member of F.I.F.A., the international governing body, and so cannot play in F.I.F.A. competitions. But Gibraltar is affiliated to the F.A., and therefore anyone born there can be chosen by the F.A.

Sir Stanley, incidentally, returned from Stockholm the other day with ten footballs in his luggage. These were the final selection from 103 balls, sent by manufacturers from 21 countries, and will be used in the World Cup Championships to be held in Switzerland in June. These ten will be tested in this country and one will be recommended.

## New coach



Miss Evelyn Baker recently became the first national coaching adviser to the Women's Amateur Athletic Association. Miss Baker, a physical education mistress at Moulsecomb Secondary Girls' School, Brighton, is seen here with a pupil and a javelin.

## Explorers' Quiz

How would you set about exploring your own country? This quiz will give you some ideas.

**WHAT** is the best way of exploring the countryside?

On foot or by cycle—you see much more that way, and it's good fun, too.

Which is more popular, walking or cycling?

In open country, cycling is more popular, as you can cover a greater distance. In mountain and moorland areas, many youngsters prefer to walk so that they can get away from the roads and follow the footpaths.

Where can you spend the night if you go on a walking or cycling tour?

Many young people like to stay in youth hostels. They are very friendly places.

Where are these hostels?

All over the country—there are nearly 300 in England and Wales. There are others in Scotland, Ireland and abroad, though you'll want to get some experience here before you try foreign hostelling.

Can anyone use youth hostels? You have to join the Y.H.A. but that doesn't cost much. You can then use hostels anywhere.

How much does it cost?

If you're under 16, it costs 3s. 6d. a year. If you're 16 or over, but under 21, the charge is 7s. 6d. a year. For those 21 and over, it costs 15s.

What do they charge at the hostels?

Only 1s. 6d. a night if you're under 16. Otherwise, it's 3s. a night.

What about meals?

Most hostels provide a 3-course supper for 2s. 6d. Breakfast costs the same. All hostels provide a kitchen where you can cook your own food, and the charge for this is only 3d.

How can I find out more about the Y.H.A.?

That's easy—just fill in the coupon below and post it off before you forget.

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## Sporting Flashbacks

BURNLEY F.C. WON THE F.A. CUP IN 1914 AND THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1921...

SEVEN YEARS AND A GREAT WAR SEPARATED THESE TWO TRIUMPHS, BUT THE SAME PLAYER WAS CAPTAIN EACH TIME —

**TOM BOYLE**



TOM WAS ALSO THE FIRST CUP-WINNING CAPTAIN TO RECEIVE THE TROPHY FROM THE HANDS OF A REIGNING MONARCH (KING GEORGE V)

GOALKEEPER **BOB ROBERTS** — FIRST WEST BROMWICH ALBION FOOTBALLER TO PLAY FOR ENGLAND (1887) —

WAS SO PROUD OF HIS INTERNATIONAL CAP THAT HE WORE IT IN ALL SUBSEQUENT MATCHES

— AND IT IS STILL TREASURED BY HIS FAMILY



PRE-WAR WALSHALL GOALKEEPER **HARRY WAIT** STAYED LONG ENOUGH WITH THE CLUB TO HAVE HIS SON AS UNDERSTUDY



## Young Australia in the swim

HARDLY a week has gone by this season without a world record being broken by an Australian swimmer. In the recent National championships at Melbourne 17 more alterations had to be made to the list.

John Monckton, the 19-year-old Sydney swimmer, set up four new back-stroke records, making a total of six in eight days; Dawn Fraser set up new times for the 100 metres and 110 yards, and then improved on her own figures for the 220 yards and 200 metres free style; and 13-year-old Ilsa Konrads broke her own 800 metres and 880 yards free style records.

But pride of place must go to Ilsa's 15-year-old brother Jon. He first of all broke his own 400 metres and 440 yards free style records, then followed with one of the greatest long-distance swims of all time, in which he set new figures for the 800 metres and 880 yards, the 1500 metres and 1650 yards. In a period of six weeks Jon set up no fewer than 12 new world records.

During that six weeks young Australians have set up no fewer than 31 world records.

### BREAKING THE ICE

Another record of a different sort must surely have been set up when a race in the Moskva River in Moscow was held recently. Before the 30 swimmers could start the race, a steamer had to break the ice!

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the youngest player ever to win a Wimbledon title?
2. What is a "chinaman" in cricket?
3. Which country holds the Davis Cup?
4. In which game is a "bully" always seen?
5. What is the highest individual score made in Test cricket?
6. What is a boxer called who leads with his right hand?

1. Charlie Dold, in 1877. She was 15.  
2. A left-handed spin bowler's off break.  
3. "out of the back of the hand."  
4. Hockey. 5. Sir Len Hutton.  
6. A south-paw.  
7. Don Bradman, made in 1938.

## Cyclo-cross is tough

DON STONE is one of the toughest of Britain's cyclists, as he proved recently when he won the British national cyclo-cross championship for the second successive year. This bearded member of the 34 Nomads club covered the hazardous 13½ miles course in Surrey in a time of 1 hour 6 minutes 51 seconds.

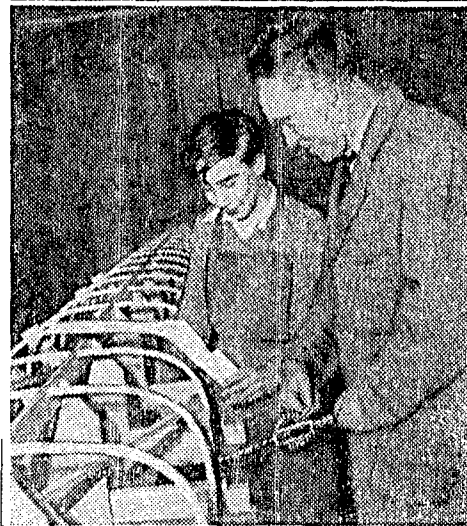
To be successful in this exhausting sport, competitors need to be tough, for part of the rough courses must be covered on foot, with the cyclists carrying their machines over mud, up hills, and through water. Don Stone, in fact, spends almost as much training time on foot as in the saddle, for he spends hours running over rough, hilly country, wearing the spiked shoes he uses when competing in cyclo-cross races.

## 800 starters

FRANK SANDO, of the Aylesford Paper Mills club, will be all out to retain his English national cross-country championship title on Saturday, when the 1958 event will be run at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead. More than 800 runners are expected to start.

In addition to Frank Sando, the former winners Ken Norris and Gordon Pirie will be in the field, together with Derek Ibbotson and Stan Eldon, the 21-year-old Windsor policeman, winner of the recent Southern championship.

Alan Cocking, the promising young Bramley runner, who will represent Yorkshire on Saturday, is having a remarkable season. In addition to winning the Yorkshire junior six-mile cross-country championship for the third successive year, he finished second to George Knight (Essex) in last month's senior inter-counties race.



## New boat for Oxford

The Dark Blues are again having a new boat this year. Here we see Mr. Ted Wilde, who has been boatbuilding for 25 years, working on the new boat in the famous Sims yard at Hammer-smith. His assistant is Ronald Rowntree of Kensington.

## GREAT DAY FOR HOCKEY FANS

THOUSANDS of girls from schools all over England will be having their annual "day out" on Saturday, when they flock to Wembley for the women's hockey international between England and Scotland. It is already assured that last year's record crowd of 47,000 will be well beaten, for more than 50,000 tickets have been sold.

It was in 1951 that the English Women's Hockey Association de-

cided to play a match at Wembley Stadium against Ireland. The experiment proved such a success that one international is played at the home of the F.A. Cup Final every year—and as the years have passed, so have the crowds grown.

Since 1951, matches have been played against Scotland (twice), Wales, Ireland, Belgium, and the Netherlands, and the English women have yet to be beaten on the Wembley turf.

